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MEMBRANOUS CAP

**REPLY AFTER 1<sup>ST</sup> OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111(b)**

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**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the Response to Amendment of July 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks and reconsider the application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

*Amendments to the Specification* begin on page 3 of this paper. In addition, the Abstract has been amended and provided on a separate sheet (see attachment following page 13 of the paper).

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 6 of this paper.

*Amendments to the Drawings* begin on page 8 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 9 of this paper.

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**An *Appendix* including amended drawing figures is attached following page 15 of this paper.**

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- 1) Reply to Response to Amendment of July 18, 2006 (16 pages)
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